

**MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF SMANNELL PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD ON 5 MARCH 2012 AT THE SMANNELL AND ENHAM  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL, SMANNELL**

**Cllrs. Present:** Cllr. Richard Budge (Acting Chairman), Cllr. Simon Jackson, Cllr. Nick Kinloch, Cllr. Cyril Loveridge, Cllr. Dini Thorne

**In attendance:**

County Cllr. Pam Mutton

Borough Cllr. Alex Brook

**282. APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Rod Bowker

Borough Cllr. Phil North

Borough Cllr. Janet Whiteley

**283. PUBLIC QUESTIONS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

A member of the public expressed his concern on boundary matters in connection with Augusta Park and the Parish Council awaits developments.

**284. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None recorded.

**285. TO READ AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING – 6 FEBRUARY 2012**

The Minutes were Proposed by Cllr. Sam Jackson, Seconded by Cllr. Richard Budge and unanimously agreed. Motion Carried.

The actions arising from the previous Minutes were discussed and updated accordingly.

In pursuance of Minute 267 relating to the phone box at Little London, Cllr. Sam Jackson reported that he has established it can be adopted for £1, but there are add-on costs associated with maintenance. He reported that two faults to BT have been made and has been told that they will be fixed. The two faults are:

1. Missing door. All red phone boxes need to be maintained with a door.
2. A tilt in the phone box angle.

Should BT decide to close the payphone function, they can remove the phone box. Currently, there are no plans on this box. However, the Parish Council can either adopt it or sponsor it. Adoption costs £1 and results in the Parish Council owning the box but no power and no service. Cllr. Sam Jackson commented that this would be a good result should BT decide to close the payphone. He considered that it would be a picturesque addition to the village.

Sponsorship involves sharing the running costs of the service with BT and could be around £250-£300 a year.

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A discussion ensued on planning application 11/02789 referring to the erection of a sports pavilion, multi-use games area and locally equipped area of play. Cllr. Sam Jackson stated he has made his personal observations to Test Valley Borough Council and felt that the application should include an active plan for dealing with noise pollution and control of light. Borough Cllr. Alex Brook stated that he and his colleagues would certainly formally reflect the concerns made at this meeting to the Northern Area Local Committee meeting coming up.

In pursuance of Minute 280, County Cllr. Pam Mutton reported that white lining will take place in the next few days. The remedial works to the highway around The Oak, as evidenced by photographs, qualify the cracks that are present and that no new material has been used. She is discussing this matter with Keith Thompson alongside matters relating to works to the edging along the carriageway. County Cllr. Pam Mutton stated that she has written to Amey seeking a further meeting with the directors to discuss the continuing poor quality of service delivery.

**286. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The correspondence was reported to Members and duly noted. The Parish Clerk made specific reference to the Parish Lengthsman Scheme run by HALC and members were very keen to obtain further information regarding this under the Local Partnerships in Action.

**ACTION**

The Parish Clerk to contact HALC and obtain further definitive information on this scheme.

**287. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE CHEQUE PAYMENTS FOR SMANNELL PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Clerk distributed the finance schedule, which amounted to £257.57 and was made up as follows: £100.00 to Anthony Fawley for a deposit on the fireworks display, £37.57 for Test Valley Borough Council election expenses and £120.00 representing the Parish Clerk's February Salary. It was Proposed by Cllr. Sam Jackson, Seconded by Cllr. Richard Budge and unanimously agreed to approve the cheque payments as listed. Motion Carried.

**288. TO DETERMINE PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None recorded.

**289. TO DETERMINE SECTION 106 PROJECT PRIORITIES**

The Chairman reported that members have met informally to consider the projects that the previous Council had compiled so to update accordingly for potential developers contributions. He stated that a definitive document has now been circulated and reduced accordingly

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and he stated a brief informal meeting will take place after this full council meeting to finalise the projects.

**290. TO DISCUSS DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION ARRANGEMENTS**

Cllr. Richard Budge referred specifically to a paper prepared by Cllr. Rod Bowker. Cll. Rod Bowker reports that money was raised by donation from the parishioners for celebrating the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002 of which £405.34 was not spent and deposited for safekeeping with the Smannell Parish Council. It was to form a fund to be used for any similar future events in the villages. The Smannell Parish Council deems that this money is held by the council to ensure they are spent in line with donors' wishes. To this end, the Parish Council considers that a committee representing the donors should be formed to organise and run the Diamond Jubilee celebrations and that:

- a) A member of the parish council chairs the committee;
- b) Efforts be made by the Chairman to recruit to the committee a reasonable cross section from the villages,
- c) The money the committee spend is to be used solely on the Queen's jubilee;
- d) The committee may at their discretion raise further funds for the jubilee;
- e) The Chairman will keep the parish council informed of plans and progress;
- f) In the event of the parish council considering that plans are not in line with donors' wishes then they have the right to intervene;
- g) In the event of there being any of disputes which cannot be resolved by the committee the Chairman or any committee member will refer the matter to the parish council for resolution;
- h) The committee will account to the council for the money they have spent to give transparency to their having spent in line with the donors' wishes,

Members unanimously agreed with the suggested way forward proposed by Cllr. Rod Bowker and also agreed that Cllr. Sam Jackson be the Chairman of this committee.

It was reported that forms for suggestions on how to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee have been circulated to all households in the parish. A list of ideas has been made up from those people who have responded and that a meeting is to be held on 13 March 2012 at The Oak at 8.00pm to progress matters further.

**291. TO DISCUSS PLAYGROUNDS AND THE NOTICEBOARD AT LITTLE LONDON**

A report was made arising from the last LLPF meeting held last week. It was decided to hold a fireworks display as last year and the

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possible date of 27 October 2012 was discussed. As part of this event, a cheque for £100 needs to be sent to Anthony Fawley as a deposit against a provisional budget to be made available of £1,000. The Diamond Jubilee was also discussed and the thought of perhaps combining celebrations with a fête was considered. Members felt it was essential that the LLPF committee reports back to Full Council on a regular basis and keep members updated.

With regard to a possible noticeboard replacement, there is a possibility of claiming grant monies for such replacement as part of County Councillor Pam Mutton's grant but this would not be available until June.

**ACTION**

Cllr. Sam Jackson to look into costs for a replacement noticeboard and the Parish Clerk to forward previous quotations received for noticeboard costs obtained on a separate matter.

**292. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE SMANNELL & ENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL**

None recorded.

**293. BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS**

The Parish Clerk gave a brief report prepared by Borough Cllr. Phil North. He reported that he has looked into the Parish Council's concern about the lighting from the proposed pavilion and sports pitches at the top of Augusta Park.

The Parish Council's concerns have been taken into consideration and Jason Owen has indicated that a condition is added to the proposal to deal with these concerns. Such a condition is set out in the agenda as condition 8. He stated he is comfortable that the condition covers the concerns raised.

The Parish Clerk reported that he received the same indication of support from Borough Cllr. Janet Whiteley.

**294. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS**

Members commented upon the speed of traffic along French's Farm to the equestrian centre. It was considered important to have better signage and some traffic calming measures such as sleeping policemen. It was suggested that a request be made to the police for them to carry out speed checks to the north end of the parish. It was felt appropriate to write a letter to the equestrian centre to advise them that it has been brought to the Parish Council attention that users of their facility are speeding and that the Parish Council will be asking the police to carry out speed checks along this area. Furthermore, that the

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equestrian centre perhaps considers erection of signage (subject to appropriate permissions) such as 'Caution Horses'.

**ACTION**

The Parish Clerk to write a letter to the French's Farm Equine Centre advising of the on-going problem as stated and the suggestion of signage and to approach the police seeking a speed check in the areas described.

The Chairman made reference to neighbourhood watch signs being required and a figure of £45 plus VAT was quoted. He stated that 4 were needed with 7 fixings and discussion centred on ordering this as part of County Cllr. Pam Mutton's delegated budget. Councillor Sam Jackson stated he knew a neighbour that may be able to produce the signage to the mandatory requirement and would check accordingly and the associated cost implication.

**ACTION**

Cllr. Sam Jackson to approach his neighbour, who produces signage, to enquire as to the ability to make Neighbourhood Watch signs and if so, the associated cost.

A member of the public wished to know where the statutory notices announcing the Test Valley Borough Council planning application had been physically posted. Some Members had no idea that a planning application had been made. One member was particularly concerned as her property had a direct view to the site.

On Section 8.10 of the notice of the Northern Area Local Committee meeting for 8th March referring to planning application 11/02789/FULLN, it is stated that the location of the new sports pavilion is in 'broad compliance' with the approved masterplan. The question raised was whether the conditions applied in the approved masterplan have been considered in this application.

**ACTION**

Borough Cllr. Alex Brook stated he would refer the points made and seek clarification from Jason Owen, the planning officer, for the application and Members also requested that the Parish Clerk approach Mr. Owen accordingly for an explanation.

Members unanimously agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 19.15 hours on 16 April 2012 followed thereafter by the ordinary Full Council meeting.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.32 hours.